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Footscray's elegant
winger Zdravko Lujic
(left) in duel against
Sydney City's Jimmy
Cant last Sunday.



'SUMMER' SOCCER REPORT NEXT WEEK?

—By Andrew Dettre

Recommendations
about "summer
soccer" are likely to
be announced next
week or the week af-
ter.

Interstate journalists
have been alerted that
they might be flown to
Sydney by the ASF for an
"important briefing."

After months of
research, the ASF
Marketing has compiled
a massive document on
the feasibility of soccer
played in the reverse
season.

This would avoid
clashing head-on with
the more established
football codes in all
States.

The contents and
recommendations are
kept secret until the of-
ficial announcement,
probably by Sir Arthur
George.

However, it is believed
that the report is not un-
favorable towards the
idea of reversing the
seasons, under certain
conditions.

The document is a
complex study encom-
passing many other
aspects of Australian
soccer, besides the
summer plan.

It's believed to offer
various options instead
of taking a hard line for
or against the idea.

Whatever the recom-
mendations of the ASF
report, the ultimate
decision belongs to the
PSL clubs.

They and they alone
can resolve whether
such a scheme would
work or at least could be
tried.

Club officials know
much better than

anybody else—including
the Press and the
public—just how fragile
their present existence
is, often based on highly
suspect crowd figure
announcements.

It's the same club of-
ficials who will have to
decide if soccer can ever
gain a more populous
base in the conven-
tional season or whether
a calculated risk has to
be taken to give the
game the chance it has
been denied so long.

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This is a facsimile of a large advertisement
ASF Marketing placed in Monday's
"Australian," offering PSL clubs for sponsor-
ship. Surprisingly, the ad said Sydney City
were also "available" — we thought they had
two sponsors in Presto and Dunlop.

RUDI CRIES TREASON

Former national coach Rudi Gutendorf has sur-
faced — in his native West Germany.

On a recent visit to Munich, he gave an interview
to the boulevard daily "Bild Zeitung".

Referring to the Yzendoorn case, the Gutendorf
story was run under the headline: "My libero was a
spy..."

Gutendorf is also quoted as saying that he has
been offered jobs in Fiji — and China.

"I always wanted to work in China," he adds
hopefully.

TV may show Suva match

Sunday's World
Cup match from
Suva may be
televised by Channel
O-28.

Producer Alex Hen-
derson said the Channel
was negotiating to send
a crew to Fiji.

Whether the telecast
is possible depends on
the technical and tran-
smission facilities
available.

Fiji has no TV of its
own.

The Australian team,
led by manager Tommy
Grimson and coach Les
Scheinflug, were due to
fly out on Wednesday.

These are the players
in the World Cup squad:

Maher, Ahearn,
Wheatley, Henderson,
Blair, Niven, Davidson,
Byrne, Barnes, Katholos,
Brennan, Sharne, Kr-
ncevic, Cole, Hunter and
Mitchell.

Scheinflug said this
week that he would
select an attacking for-
mation for the match.

"Anything but a win
would be a disaster for
us," he said.

"Our hopes are slim
enough as it is; anything
but a win would be the
end of the road.

"We cannot un-
derestimate Fiji:

Australia lost 1-0 there in
1977.

"They are strong and
athletic. The grounds are
usually heavy or slippery
and the weather at the
moment is extremely
humid.

"So it won't be a pic-
nic at all."

Scheinflug responded
to our mild criticism of
his squad with some
blunt words.

"I cannot change the
squad drastically during
a World Cup campaign,"
he said.

"If I stay in this job, it
will be a different story
after October; then I will
have a chance to reshape
the squad."



Young Glen Ahearn, in the Australian squad for
the World Cup match against Fiji on Sunday.



PREVIEW OF PSL

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

FORMIDABLE



Fleming

Having marched back on the home-winning list, Wollongong couldn't have asked for a more formidable follow-on than a clash with South Melbourne, one of the few remaining genuine title aspirants.

The Wolves will find this an infinitely tougher nut to crack than last week's and even that didn't come easy.

South Melbourne's potentially explosive and brilliant attack fired at last, as we predicted that one day it would.

If Wooddin and Evans keep their sharp edge, they could add two more points to their tally.

Our tip: South Melbourne 1-0.

REINFORCED



McKie

Leichhardt, without Woodhouse (away in Fiji) could have a bit of a problem against the improving Preston.

Phil O'Connor got injured last week and without him and the long sidelined Giampaolo their attack would be tame indeed.

Preston's new recruits are making their presence felt, especially Farrell and the veteran Boyle.

Preston can also play some eye-pleasing stuff and, at their best—which hardly ever happens interstate—they are a formidable opponent.

Our tip: Leichhardt 2-1.

THE SLICKERS SHOW



Footscray goalie Denis Boland looks bewildered as one of the Sydney goals zooms past him.

GREAT DEPTH



Spanos

After their inept performance of last week, Lions will have a difficult assignment to make amends against Sydney City.

The Lions attack is still ailing and their midfield is almost certain to be outclassed by the mobile Slickers trio.

Sydney City will be without Barnes, away in Fiji, but such is their depth that two or three could walk into the team without disrupting the side's balance.

John Kosmina could make his come-back, allowing Watson—in scintillating form—to move a step back to midfield.

Our tip: Sydney City 3-1.

GOAL DROUGHT



Marocchi

Both Newcastle and Adelaide City had better resign to the fact that they won't be there at the finish for the title, the only consolation being that neither have they anything to fear at the bottom.

The Newcastle attack has certainly gone to pieces since the departure of Mick Channon; Ray Baartz would no longer claim that coaching was a "piece of cake."

Adelaide City continue their unpredictable run and, surprisingly, even Fashanu's presence hasn't helped them much.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

OPENING UP



Having stone-walled their way to three points with a single goal in the past 10 days, Blacktown have a chance to open up against Brisbane City.

Surely if the Demons had a match they could win this was the one.

Brisbane City are not among the most enterprising of our teams but know how to collect points when victory remains elusive.

They are especially well versed in the art of quick counter-attacks and ex-Blacktown Paul Wilkinson would dearly like to show at Gabbie Stadium how this is done.

Our tip: Blacktown 1-0.

SAFE NEST



Milne

Both Footscray and Canberra were truly whipped last weekend and neither is in the mood for yet another hiding.

Footscray at home usually do quite well; it's only when they leave their eagles' nest that they fly into trouble.

Canberra's ranks are so badly depleted that soon they will have trouble fielding 11 registered players.

If Robert O'Shea and Valeri join the fray, they certainly have some sort of a chance.

Our tip: Footscray 2-1.



Young Slickers star Jim Patikas (right) — almost certainly a future international — in action last Sunday.

Perin cleared

Peter Ollerton was fined \$250 for hitting an opponent in the recent Blacktown match and abusing some officials.

However, his two-week suspension — one for sending off and one for 12 points — has not been extended.

John Perin was cleared on charges of having butted Calvin Daunt in the nose in the Adelaide City v Lions match.

The PSL disciplinary committee found that Perin (172cm) couldn't reach up to Daunt's nose (185 cm) unless he stood on someone's shoulders...

GAME IS OFF

The Heidelberg v. Marconi PSL match has been postponed because of the absence of several Marconi players on national team duty.



Krnecvic

AFAR

You have to be a bleedin' optimist to forecast that West Adelaide can escape relegation.

Firmly planted at the bottom, they watch in horror as the field pedals further away from them.

Olympic still play some good stuff and are a better team than indicated by their placing.

Now that they, too, are getting close to the danger zone, they can be expected to produce something extra, especially if Jim Ziras and Mark Kousses are fit to resume.

Our tip: Olympic 2-1.



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TEAM OF ROUND 22

RAINEY (Preston)	BERTOONA (Wollongong)	ROBERTSON (Sydney City)	B.NYSKOHUS (Adelaide City)
STEVENSON (Sth.Melbourne)	SENKALSKI (Newcastle)	BYRNE (Marconi)	
WATSON (Sydney City)	EVANS (Sth.Melbourne)	MURRAY (Sydney City)	

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

- Justin Fashanu has extended his stay in Adelaide: he goes back to Britain on August 4.
- Bob D'Ottavi, Adelaide City: "I am sure we did score a good goal but the referee didn't give it."
- Eddie Thomson, Sydney City: "Watson and Murray played as old fashioned touch-line wingers. We were never in trouble but I still wished that we had Kosmina to take advantage of the good crosses."
- The elusive, missing Argentinian Rene Houseman is still "somewhere overseas" but the Slickers have not given up hope that he will arrive this week. Or next. Or the next after...
- Cedo Cirkovic, Footscray: "We lost to a better team which outplayed us throughout the game."
- Ian Hunter had to leave the field after halftime Sunday as he was suffering from the effects of a mild food poisoning — fish it was.
- Doug Collins, Olympic: "I am not at all depressed about the loss; I think we played fairly well and at the end should have got a point."
- Raul Blanco, Marconi: "The team had an improved performance but it was getting very sticky at the end."
- Mark Koussas had to miss Sunday's Olympic match as he got injured at the last training session before the game.
- Ivo Prskalo still works at the Marconi club — though he won't play for them again. There have been no inquiries for his services by other clubs.
- Joe Watson claims that he has been playing for three weeks with a broken toe. "It only hurt when I'm laughing," he said seriously, after playing yet another blinder on Sunday.
- Len McKendry, Heidelberg: "We took a time to settle down but our power and organisation pulled us through."
- George Murray, Canberra: "I knew at halftime that there could be trouble. I have never seen our defence play so badly."
- Ken Morton, Wollongong's coach, is likely to travel to Yugoslavia soon to sign one or two players — sponsored by the large Makedonian community of the South Coast.
- George Potter, Brisbane City: "It wasn't a good match. We planned to attack the Lions and the play worked. There was very little good football to enthuse over. Still we always love to take two points from Lions."
- Joe Gilroy, Brisbane Lions: "We cannot play on grounds like this. We had no width in attack and it was caused by good City tactics added to the narrowness of the ground. Even with that problem we created three excellent breaks and a scoring shot was cleared off the line, then we missed a penalty."
- Willie Wallace, Leichhardt: "I can't take anything away from Souths as they were very good in the first half. However, I feel the PSL should revert back to the previous practice of having neutral referees at all matches."
- John Margaritis, South Melbourne: "This has proved that we can score more goals than two per match. The fight for the top spot is still on and we'll be there."

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEIGHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*		0-0	1-0	3-2	1-0	1-3	3-1		0-1		4-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	1-2
ADELAIDE HAWKS	0-3	*	2-0			1-1			1-2	2-0	0-2	0-1	4-0		1-2	0-0
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5	4-0	*		2-2				0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2	0-0		1-0	0-1
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1	2-1	*	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-2	0-0	4-0				3-0	2-0	1-0
BRISBANE LIONS	2-1	3-1		1-0	*	1-0	4-0		0-0		2-0	0-1	2-1	1-1		1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2	3-0		*	5-0	1-5	0-1	0-0	2-2			2-1	2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-0			*	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2		2-1		1-0	1-1
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	1-2	2-0		2-0		1-1		*			0-0	1-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	0-3
LEIGHARDT STRIKERS	3-0	1-0	3-2		0-0		2-0	2-2	*		1-1	2-1			0-1	1-0
MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-4	1-0		1-1	2-1	0-2		3-1		*		1-2	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0		2-1		1-0		2-1	2-1	4-1	1-0	*	2-0		1-1	1-3	1-0
NEWCASTLE KB		4-2	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	3-0		4-1		0-0	*	4-0	1-2		1-1
PRESTON RAMS			2-3	1-1	1-1	0-1	3-0	0-2	3-1	0-0	1-1	3-1	*	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1	1-0	1-1		0-2	0-0		1-3	2-0	2-2		2-1	*	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0		1-1	1-1	3-2	3-0	1-0		5-0		4-1	2-0	5-4	*	1-0
WOLLONGONG WOLVES		2-1	1-1	0-0	1-1		2-1	3-4	1-1			0-0	2-2	3-1		*

Soccer Terms explained:
No. 12



Throw-in.

When the ball crosses the side touch-line, it is "thrown" back into play by a player from the team opposing that of the player who last touched it. The thrower must face the field of play with both feet on or outside the touch-line, and "throw-in" the ball with both hands from behind and over his head.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	18	12	4	2	49	17	28
Leichhardt	17	12	3	2	42	20	27
A.I.S.	21	11	3	7	56	37	25
Newcastle	18	8	7	3	34	29	23
Sydney City	18	6	7	5	40	26	19
Olympians	19	6	6	7	27	23	18
Wollongong	20	6	2	12	23	47	14
Blacktown	17	2	3	12	21	42	7
Canberra	16	1	1	14	12	63	3

RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK:

Blacktown City v Sydney City 1-1
Marconi v Olympians 3-2
A.I.S. v Sydney City 2-5
Canberra v Wollongong 2-0
Newcastle v Blacktown 0-0

THIS WEEK

Blacktown City v Leichhardt, 12.30pm Gabbie Stadium
Newcastle KB v A.I.S., 12 noon International Sports Centre
Canberra City v Sydney City, 12.30pm Lambert Park
Wollongong City v Marconi, 12.30pm Wollongong Sports Grd.
(All of the above matches on SUNDAY)

At Marconi Oval, new leaders Marconi defeated visitors Olympians with a last gasp goal in injury time by Socceroo Jimbo Muir. But the young Leopards should have had the game well sewn up before this with three headers and a shot cleared off the line by the Olympians defence.

The Olympians opened the scoring early in the first half when Greg Ankudinoff raced away to score after a slip up by Jimbo Muir. The Leopards replied immediately from the kick off through Attilio Carbone, then national coach Les Scheinflug's son Paul put the Fairfields in front before the break.

Greg Ankudinoff scored the equaliser and his second with well taken freekick 20 minutes from time.

Muir made amends for his early error with the headed goal from a corner in the dying seconds.

At the Sydney Athletic Field in an uninspiring match a strong Newcastle side fielding PSL players, Clint Gosling, Neil Endacott and Ian Buckley, could make no impression on a dour Blacktown side which was well served by goalkeeper Frank Colussi, Michael Dodd and David Taylor.

TOP PSL SCORERS

KEN BODEN (Sydney City)	10
ALUN EVANS (South Melbourne)	9
PAUL WILKINSON (Brisbane City)	9
MURRAY BARNES (Sydney City)	8
GARY COLE (Heidelberg)	8
DAVID MITCHELL (Adelaide City)	8
PETER OLLERTON (Preston)	8
GEORGE CHRISTOPOULOS (South Melbourne)	7
JOHN NYSKOHUS (Adelaide City)	7

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	AGGREGATE											HOME											AWAY										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P				
1 SYDNEY CITY	22	14	3	5	37	20	+17	31	11	9	2	—	27	9	20	11	5	1	5	10	11	11	10	2	7	1	12	11	11				
2 STH.MELBOURNE	21	10	9	2	29	19	+10	29	11	8	2	1	17	8	18	10	4	3	3	17	12	11	11	4	3	4	12	16	11				
3 ADELAIDE CITY	22	11	4	7	35	24	+11	26	12	7	1	4	18	12	15	11	4	3	4	12	16	11	11	5	3	3	11	7	13				
4 LEIGHARDT	21	10	6	5	27	23	+4	26	10	6	3	1	15	7	15	11	1	5	5	6	12	7	10	—	6	4	9	13	6				
5 CANBERRA	22	9	7	6	29	20	+9	25	11	4	4	3	18	13	12	11	8	2	1	18	4	18	10	5	1	5	12	18	11				
6 BRISBANE CITY	22	9	7	6	24	16	+8	25	11	8	2	1	18	4	18	10	7	3	1	17	6	17	10	—	6	4	9	13	6				
7 BRISBANE LIONS	21	7	9	5	26	19	+7	23	11	7	3	1	17	6	17	10	5	1	5	12	18	11	10	2	2	6	8	16	6				
8 NEWCASTLE	22	9	5	8	31	29	+2	23	11	4	4	3	19	11	12	10	5	1	5	12	18	11	10	3	2	5	5	15	8				
9 WOLLONGONG	22	8	7	7	27	28	—	1	23	12	6	5	1	19	12	17	11	6	2	3	14	13	14	11	4	2	5	21	21	10			
10 MARCONI	21	9	4	8	19	28	—	9	22	10	3	2	5	10	12	8	11	2	5	15	17	9	12	2	5	5	15	17	9				
11 HEIDELBERG	21	7	4	10	31	33	—	2	18	10	3	2	5	10	12	8	11	1	1	9	5	27	3	11	1	2	8	8	22	4			
12 OLYMPIC	22	4	10	8	28	31	—	3	18	10	2	5	3	13	14	9	11	5	4	2	15	11	14	11	1	2	8	8	22	4			
13 FOOTSCRAY	22	6	5	11	20	38	—	18	17	11	5	4	2	15	11	14	11	1	4	6	11	18	6	11	1	4	6	11	18	6			
14 PRESTON	22	5	6	11	25	34	—	9	16	11	4	4	3	17	12	12	11	1	4	6	11	18	6	11	1	4	6	11	18	6			
15 BLACKTOWN	22	4	7	11	25	34	—	9	15	11	3	3	5	14	16	9	10	3	2	5	11	11	8	12	1	1	10	9	25	3			
16 WEST ADELAIDE	22	4	3	15	20	36	—	16	11	10	3	2	5	11	11	8																	

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WEEKEND GUIDE TO

PHILIPS LEAGUE



Morsello

LEICHHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Butler, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Morsello, 17. Watts, 18. Gray, 19. Casacchia, 20. Parkes. Coach: W. Wallace.

Sunday, 3pm
Lambert Park

PAST RESULTS:

Leichhardt v Preston for the first time.
1981: Preston v Leichhardt 3-1

PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 16. Whittle, 17. McCluskey, 18. Boyle, 19. Farrell, 20. Clayton, 21. Wilson. Coach: P. Ollerton.

REFEREE: J. Reeves
Linesmen: W. Jones
B. Ray



Petrovski



Selvage

BLACKTOWN CITY

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Mannina, 12. Quarmby, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 16. Turner, 17. Jones, 18. Milosevic. Coach: R. Rasic.

Sunday, 3pm
Gabbie Stadium

PAST RESULTS:

1980: Blacktown v Brisbane City 3-1
1981: Brisbane City v Blacktown 2-1

BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 12. Tripp, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 18. Vincenzino, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

REFEREE: A. Boskovic
Linesmen: B. Fowler
W. Lord



Hamilton



Heys

NEWCASTLE UTD.

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 3. Tredinnick, 4. Senkalski, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. Storey, 18. Cowburn, 19. Stamp, 20. Gosling. Coach: R. Baartz.

Sunday, 2.30pm
International Sports Centre

PAST RESULTS:

1978: Newcastle v Adelaide City 2-2
1979: Newcastle v Adelaide City 0-0
1980: Newcastle v Adelaide City 3-1
1981: Adelaide City v Newcastle 4-1

ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 14. Miller, 15. Manou, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 18. Fashanu, 22. Przybylski. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

REFEREE: D. Nugent
Linesmen: R. Warren.
R. Davies



Northcote



De Graaf

WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. Coach: K. Morton.

Sunday, 3pm
Wollongong Showground

PAST RESULTS:

Wollongong v Sth. Melbourne for the first time.
1981: Sth. Melbourne v Wollongong 1-0

STH. MELBOURNE

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 17. Wooddin, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

REFEREE: D. Rennie
Linesmen: G. Power
P. Wood



V. Bannon



Ontong

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 13. Latchford, 14. Ogden, 15. Daunt, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lownes. Coach: J. Gilroy.

Sunday, 3pm
Richlands

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Lions v Sydney City 0-4
1978: Lions v Sydney City 1-1
1979: Lions v Sydney City 1-2
1980: Lions v Sydney City 2-0
1981: Sydney City v Lions 1-1

SYDNEY CITY

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 11. R. Houseman, 12. Cant, 13. M. Houseman, 14. Gomez, 15. Muniz, 16. Patikas, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

REFEREE: A. Rodway
Linesmen: A. Kibler
D. Monteverde



Cant



Topaz

WEST ADELAIDE

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 4. Lorenzoni, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Koulianos, 15. Marisic, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 18. Smythe, 19. Kowalski, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: P. Jaksa.

Sunday, 3pm
Hindmarsh Stadium

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Westad v Olympic 1-0
1978: Westad v Olympic 0-1
1979: Westad v Olympic 0-0
1981: Olympic v Westad 3-1

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: D. Collins.

REFEREE: J. Rossis
Linesmen: K. Stokes
P. Smallman



Rowden



Belic

FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakoulas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 12. Licanin, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne, 19. Potter, 20. Verweij. Coach: C. Cirkovic.

Sunday, 3pm
Schintler Reserve

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Footscray v Canberra 3-0
1978: Footscray v Canberra 1-2
1979: Footscray v Canberra 1-2
1980: Footscray v Canberra 0-1
1981: Canberra v Footscray 5-0

CANBERRA CITY

Likely squad: 21. Hoszowski, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos. Coach: G. Murray.

REFEREE: E. Venios
Linesmen: J. Fearn
M. Gaut



J. O'Shea

Blacktown v Sydney City 1-0(1-0)
Blacktown (4-4-2)

Wheatley (4)	Pointer (4)	Djordjevic (4)	Rasmussen (3)
Selvage (4)	Krstic (3)	Hormazabal (3)	O'Donnell (4)
	Burrows (4)	Turner (3)	
Barnes (3)	Boden (3)	Watson (3)	Patikas (4)
Bruce (3)	Cant (3)	Souness (4)	Mullen (3)
	Spanos (4)	O'Connor (3)	
		Clarke (3)	

Sydney City (4-4-2)

Goal: Krstic (21m).
Replacement: Gomez (77m) for Cant.
Referee: G. Power — Crowd: 800 — Cautions: O'Connor, Spanos, Mullen, Barnes, Watson, Wheatley, Hormazabal, Rasmussen.

Teams fighting for their lives are always deadly opponents and must be forgiven for resorting to any tactics that brings them relief.

This is what Blacktown did last Wednesday night, to an almost irritating extent: packed midfield, constant time-wasting, semi-permanent offside trap and crunching tackles made up their repertoire — far from "simpatico" but effective.

They clearly set out to disturb Sydney City's usual rhythm — and succeeded beyond their wildest dreams.

The Slickers, with amazing naivety, agreed to slug it out instead of insisting on their own game.

Newcomer Krstic scored the only goal in the 21st minute, after a prolonged scene of almost comical defensive blunders where Todd Clarke was miles out of his goal chasing strikers with the ball — and his defenders left the goal only casually guarded.

In the furiously fast match — or at least appearing so, like most night games, against a dark backdrop — there were chances galore for both teams.

Hormazabal and O'Donnell could have scored early for Blacktown while Boden smashed his drive over the bar at the other end.

Most of the attacking after the interval was done by the Slickers but they managed to create only one big chance when, in the 58th minute, Cant headed wide in the goalmouth.

The Blacktown blitz-raids, usually spearheaded by the aptly named Paul Burrows foraging for morsels, always looked sharp. In fact, had Brian O'Donnell been a trifle more accurate with

his power-laden left foot drives (54th, 91st and 92nd minutes), Blacktown could have easily increased their meagre and nervously held advantage.

Sydney City paid the price for a curious line-up; they had no central striker with Cant, Barnes and Patikas occasionally bursting through there.

Mullen and O'Connor, marking their men in Turner and Burrows, were repeatedly drawn from their conventional spots and the entire defence looked disorganised. A "highlight" of the match was the display of referee Gary

Power, handing out eight cautions, almost all unjustified. (See story on page 9.)

All in all, it was a forgettable evening. A niggling, irritating Blacktown, a naive Sydney City, an over-zealous referee, a mere handful of supporters from the two teams (most others were bewildered Marconi club members wandering out of the club) coupled with the chilly night in the nocturnal wilderness — well, I'm sure that's not what top soccer is all about.

— Andrew Dettre

POSTPONED PSL GAME

SCOREBOARD

Wollongong's win was their first since March 1 at home; quite a few weeks for the fans to savor such delights.

The Wolves dominated the game from the outset and should have won by a three-goal margin.

Adelaide Hawks, on the other hand, with their backs to the crumbling wall, could have snatched a late equaliser through Robert Marwe if luck had been with them.

Marwe failed by only centimetres with an outstretched leg to connect with a cross with the Wolves goal unguarded.

Wollongong, thanks to a solid midfield, played some 75 percent of the game in Westad's half.

The Wolves defence was only seldom put un-

RARE DELIGHT

der any pressure but on the few occasions the visitors did push forward, the home defence looked shaky.

Only eight minutes had elapsed when Ainsworth had the ball in the Adelaide net but it was disallowed because Fontana was offside.

Martyn Crook showed why he is rated to be one of the best keepers in the country, thwarting the Wollongong attempts in the first half.

After Ainsworth's disallowed goal Lathan, Adam and Fleming all went close to scoring.

Clive Campbell made his long awaited return to the scoring list when

he put Wollongong ahead after 49 minutes.

Westad struck back only four minutes later, following a terrible mix-up in the Wolves defence.

Smythe nudged the ball past Vardareff in the Hawks' first attacking raid after some 53 minutes.

With one hour gone and Wollongong continuing to press forward, Fontana headed home a Lathan cross.

Still, with eight minutes remaining and with the Wolves in command, Marwe had his chance to equalise.

Manecas was the only Adelaide player to show

any real initiative and application but his efforts lacked support.

Arno Bertogna again showed his undoubted class with a great performance and was the pick of the home side.

This long overdue home win should swell the crowds for the big clash with South Melbourne.

—Paul Posetti



WOLLONGONG v WEST ADELAIDE 2-1(0-0)

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Fleming (3)
Adam (4)
Campbell (3)

Smythe (4)
Brown (3)
Bozanic (3)

Bertogna (5)
Dunleavy (4)
Fontana (4)

Lorenzoni (3)
Honeyman (3)
Forde (3)

Vardareff (4)
De Graaf (3)
Fontana (4)

Manecas (4)
McGregor (3)
Kambas (3)

Ainsworth (3)
Tredinnick (3)
Lathan (4)

Crook (5)

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

Replacements: Marwe (69m) for Lorenzoni, Kay (82m) for Fontana.

Goals: 1-0 Campbell (49m), 1-1 Smythe (53m), 2-1 Fontana (60m).

Referee: H. Witschge — Crowd: 4,364 — Cautions: Maricic, McGregor.

South Melbourne opened the game strongly with much more determination than shown in their recent outings.

There seemed to be more urgency about their moves and Leichhardt were sorely pressed to keep their sheet clean in the first 15 minutes.

Peter Wilson and Colin McAusland were the heroes of this early period; both Wooddin and Evans were displaying their skills and the artistic Wooddin was responsible for turning every defender during the early stages.

The Leichhardt break-aways were not too convincing and it seemed only a matter of time before South's reward came.

OVER QUOTA

Evans was surrounded by bodyguards each time he got the ball yet one of his clever passes to Wooddin in the 28th minute opened the home account.

Two minutes later Evans got a great pass from Shirra to give Woodhouse no chance with a strong drive.

The two-goal deficit appeared to spur Leichhardt's attack and although there was lots of enthusiasm, they could have done with more of the O'Connor type of skill up front.

Then came the Souths again: in the 40th minute Buljevic put in a low drive which Evans re-

directed into a magic goal.

The only time the Souths were in any bother during the first half was when Bannon gave a sloppy backpass.

Morsello came on for O'Connor after the half-time break; O'Connor had to leave the field with a muscle injury.

The three goals seemed to satisfy the appetite of South Melbourne and Leichhardt crept back into the game.

Several promising Leichhardt attacks were nullified by the brilliance of Blair who was impassable.

Wooddin crossed to

Evans for his hat-trick and the result was never in any doubt after that.

Souths became complacent and as a result handed the simplest of goals to Butler in the 74th minute.

The match, after a very good first half, faded out towards the end with the crowd leaving as play deteriorated.

This was one of the heaviest defeats for the normally tight Leichhardt—and it was also the first time that South Melbourne managed to score more than two goals in a match in the 1981 season.

—Jock Stephen

STH. MELBOURNE v LEICHHARDT 4-1(3-0)

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Bannon (3)
Stephenson (4)
Wooddin (4)

O'Connor (4)
Gray (3)
Pullen (3)

Blair (5)

Shirra (3)

Butler (3)

Bradley (3)

Wilson (4)

Woodhouse (3)

Laumets (3)

Xanthopoulos (4)

Shirra (3)

Evans (4)

Butler (3)

Bradley (3)

Hughes (3)

Woodhouse (3)

Davidson (4)

Rogers (4)

Buljevic (3)

Soper (2)

Zaccorner (3)

McAusland (4)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Replacements: Morsello (45m) for O'Connor, G. Campbell (74m) for Shirra.

Goals: 1-0 Wooddin (28m), 2-0 Evans (30m), 3-0 Evans (41m), 4-0 Evans (65m).

Referee: S. Mellings — Crowd: 6,000 — Cautions: Davidson, Evans, Soper, Butler.

The final whistle's shrill spelt relief for Marconi who were lucky to hold out for their narrow win.

Indeed, the finale provided more excitement and good stuff than the rest of the match.

In sharp contrast to the stirring finish, the start was meek with only a few promising attacks.

Even Marconi's first goal had a taste of fluke about it: Mariani's low cross from the left got a deflection and Johnston, the lucky recipient in the goalmouth, calmly slotted home his shot.

Just before halftime came a move reminiscent of the "old Marconi."

OFF THE RUMP

Johnston launched Sharne with a brilliant, Vieri-type throughball and, with all rockets firing, the winger darted off, ending his trail-blazing with a scorching shot against the upright.

Then — more fluke, of sorts. In the 56th minute Krncevic decided to slam an indirect freekick into the crowded goalmouth, hoping for a deflection.

And he got it: the ball hit Jankovics on the rump and trickled over the line.

After that Olympic took over; propelled forward by Katholos, Jennings and Raskopoulos, they began to look

threatening.

In the 74th minute Katholos sliced a left-foot drive just inside the post and, instinctively, all Marconi fans checked their watches for time left to play.

Then came a classic run by Jennings on the left, leaving havoc and four prostrate defenders in his wake before the unflappable Mariani bobbed up with a last second tackle.

In the final three minutes Olympic had two more tantalising chances to save a point.

A corner from the left sailed past the goalmouth and just

whizzed by the head of Cotton.

Then, with a minute to go, a thunderous volley by Ken Wilson missed the corner by no more than six inches.

Perhaps a draw would have been closer to the truth; Olympic certainly deserved more for their efforts than a consolation pizza after the game.

Marconi can thank mainly Henderson, Mariani and Byrne for holding together their team which is still a fair way from its best.

As for Olympic, they had better start getting those elusive goals unless they want to find themselves near the bottom making their second exit from the PSL.

—Andrew Dettre

MARCONI v OLYMPIC 2-1(1-0)

Marconi (4-3-3)

Degney (3)
Johnston (3)
Sharne (3)

Katholos (4)
Scott (4)

Mariani (5)
Johnston (3)
Sharne (3)

Jennings (4)
Gavin (3)
K.Wilson (3)

P. Wilson (3)

Maher (3)

Henderson (4)

Jankovics (4)

Krncevic (2)

Cotton (3)

Raskopoulos (4)

Rowden (3)

Fashanu (4)

Brogan (3)

Byrne (5)

Hunter (3)

Laing (4)

Moulis (4)

Olympic (4-4-2)

Replacements: Housseini (52m) for Hunter, Townson (64m) for Gavin, Picioane (85m) for Johnston, Jamieson (86m) for Laing.

Goals: 1-0 Johnston (28m), 2-0 Jankovics (56m), 2-1 Katholos (74m).

Referee: G. Power — Crowd: 7,319 — Cautions: none.

Blacktown City coach Rale Rasic was not the most popular man in Adelaide last weekend.

He brought his team to Adelaide obviously hoping to gain a draw and he managed this.

Adelaide City claimed to have scored a valid goal but the referee disallowed it.

The incident happened when Justin Fashanu crashed a Villani cross against the post and Russell met the rebound with a spectacular diving header.

With goalie James wrong-footed by Fashanu's initial attempt, Russell seemed certain to score.

IRRITATING

However, Ricky Hormazabal backed up his goalie to boot the ball clear off the line.

The referee's decision not to allow the goal was almost as unpopular with the crowd as Rasic and his team during the after the match.

Many fans objected to Blacktown's negative tactics and tedious time-wasting.

"This sort of boring soccer can drive spectators away," said one veteran fan.

Rasic was later given a hostile reception when he went into the clubhouse—his former

den—for some post-match drinks.

Most of his critics were angry that he had employed the offside trap 16 times during a generally dull game.

They were also annoyed with Blacktown's time-wasting strategy especially when their players were in the hands of their trainer.

Referee Bob Kerr took the unusual action of cautioning the Blacktown trainer when he refused to take a player off the field for treatment.

Adelaide City, with Fashanu to strengthen

their chances, had every reason to be confident of success before the game but eventually had to be satisfied with a draw because they failed to rattle the unflappable Demons.

Blacktown, it appeared, were anxious to gain a point at any cost—as they did a few days earlier against Sydney City.

Negative as their tactics might have been, it's a sort of indictment for their opponents if they fall for such old tricks and allow themselves to be caught offside time and time again.

—Allan Crisp

ADELAIDE CITY v BLACKTOWN 0-0

Adelaide City (4-4-2)

Russell (4)
Melta (3)

O'Donnell (3)
Rasmussen (3)

Miller (3)
Villani (3)

Kristic (4)
Turner (3)

James (4)

Przybiski (4)

Jones (4)

J. Nyskohus (4)

Fashanu (4)

Burrows (4)

Hormazabal (3)

Djordjevic (4)

B. Nyskohus (5)

Marocchi (3)

Selva (4)

Wheatley (3)

Blacktown (4-4-2)

Replacements: P. Jones (46m) for Turner, Northcote (70m) for Miller.

Referee: B. Kerr — Crowd: 3,700 — Cautions: Hormazabal.



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BRISBANE CITY v BRISBANE LIONS 1-0(0-0)

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Perry (3)	Ratcliffe (4)	Wishart (4)	Dunne (4)	B. Wilkinson (4)
Gaffney (2)	McVeigh (2)	Hamilton (2)		
Conner (2)	P. Wilkinson (3)	Kelso (2)		
●				
Low (2)	Daunt (2)	Williamson (4)		
Ferris (2)	McLean (2)	Hogg (2)		
Niven (3)	Bennett (4)	Hermiston (4)	Ontong (4)	
	Lowndes (3)			

Brisbane Lions (4-3-3)

Replacements: Scanlan (46m) for Lowndes, Wilson (75m) for Daunt, Palinkas (81m) for Kelso.
Goal: P. Wilkinson (62m).
Referee: T. Davies — Crowd: 5,200 — Caution: Hermiston.

If this match was indicative of what local derbies do to two teams who have been serving up some good entertainment previously, then it's a pity they cannot be stopped.

It was a terrible game and it's too kind to claim that the teams were upset by tension, pressure, etc.

The first half was a total mess with the ball played haphazardly here, there and everywhere and only a speculative blast by McVeigh and a neat piece of football from new Lion Williamson, setting up Hogg, brightened the gloom.

There was the usual local derby atmosphere and noise every time the ball was hoisted into the

BIG LET-DOWN

goalmouth but all these punts created only one real chance in the first half and Hogg made a mess of that, too.

Referee Tim Davies was letting the game flow but he should have snuffed out a Hermiston-Kelso duel earlier and in doing so he would have saved problems later on.

The second half started with Hogg breaking through but showing immaturity in his finishing, blasting away yet again.

City's most constructive move of the game came in the 52nd minute when Conner and Ratcliffe built up a nice pattern but Paul Wilkinson

sent his header high over the bar.

Then Daunt did the same at the other end when it looked easier to score...

Ontong picked up a short freekick and ran 50 metres unchallenged but he couldn't finish it off, either, with Wishart saving his shot.

The Hermiston-Kelso confrontation was now becoming quite unpleasant and referee Davies spoke sternly to Hermiston but could not be forgiven for cautioning the sweeper when he executed a beautifully timed sliding tackle to rob Conner.

To add insult to injury,

City scored from the freekick of this very incident; Paul Wilkinson sneaked in at the far post to head home Billy Wilkinson's placement.

Lions coach Joe Gilroy made a change and brought on a midfielder and suddenly Lions looked dangerous.

Gaffney came from nowhere to clear a Williamson shot off the line and then Williamson got a penalty for his efforts.

Hermiston stepped forward but his kick hit the post; he netted the rebound but the referee said the ball had not touched Wishart or any other player as it went back into play, so it was no goal.

— Jim Binnie

CANBERRA v HEIDELBERG 1-5(1-0)

Canberra (4-3-3)

Matsopoulos (3)	Byrne (3)	Hoszowski (4)	M.O'Shea (3)	Williams (2)
Purdie (3)	J. O'Shea (3)	Cole (2)		
Maclaren (3)	Brennan (3)	Gibson (2)		
●				
Tilavski (3)	Cole (4)	Paton (4)		
Selemidis (3)	Campbell (3)	Rooney (4)		
Pavlidis (3)	Yzendoorn (3)	Provan (3)	McMillan (3)	
	Oliver (3)			

Heidelberg (4-3-3)

Replacements: Valeri (64m) for Gibson, Massa (77m) for Byrne.
Goals: 1-0 Purdie (17m), 1-1 Cole (47m), 1-2 Cole (60m), 1-3 Paton (75m), 1-4 Paton (90m), 1-5 Tilavski (92m).
Referee: A. Boskovic — Crowd: 4,020 — Caution: Byrne.

This was the match which could have altered the fortunes of both teams concerned.

For Canberra, the final deathknell for the championship title must have sounded.

As for Heidelberg, this could have been the start of their true resurrection, under the guidance of Len McKendry.

In the first half the game was certainly Canberra's for the taking.

Heidelberg looked lethargic and unprepared for serious combat.

It came as no surprise when Canberra went into the lead: a McLaren freekick was headed in the path of Purdie and he rammed it home.

Canberra continued to press but failed in the

GUNNED DOWN

critical department of scoring.

Wild clearances and sloppy passing made the spectacle nightmarish for the soccer purists.

In the second half Heidelberg took over the attacking and a change came over the match.

Gary Cole slammed a half volley past Hoszowski to level the score and the tide had turned.

This became evident when after 60 minutes Cole latched on to a throughball to lob Hoszowski.

Cole was instrumental in the third goal also as he laid on the ball for Paton who made no

mistake from a few metres.

Canberra were now clearly shell-shocked yet made some desperate attempts to bridge the widening gap.

Brennan, perhaps saving his best form for Fiji, lacked his usual dash and effervescence.

In defence, Canberra were literally limping; Terry Byrne, who has cartilage trouble, had to be replaced in the second half.

However, Heidelberg were making the most of their opportunities.

In the 90th minute Paton got his second goal and then, in injury time, newcomer Tilavski

fired in a 25-metre rocket to make Canberra's humiliation complete.

The amazing thing is that despite their huge win, none of the Heidelberg players really stood out.

But they didn't have to, against the decimated Canberra who were without the injured Stark and Robert O'Shea at the back.

— Peter Kunz



SYDNEY CITY v FOOTSCRAY 3-0(1-0)

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Cant (3)	O'Connor (3)	Clarke (4)	Robertson (5)	Bruce (3)
Patikas (4)	Spanos (3)	Barnes (3)		
Watson (6)	Boden (4)	Murray (5)		
●				
Lujic (4)	Verweij (2)	Belic (2)		
Ilioski (3)	Jovanovic (3)	Cozzella (3)		
Kakantonis (3)	Kondarios (4)	O'Reilly (4)	Hazabent (3)	
	Boland (4)			

Footscray (4-3-3)

Replacements: Kyriakoulas (63m) for Verweij, Milne (71m) for Cozzella, Lee (81m) for Watson, Gomez (85m) for Spanos.
Goals: 1-0 Watson (10m), 2-0 Boden (69m), 3-0 Barnes (81m).
Referee: K. Allen — Crowd: 3,427 — Cautions: Kakantonis.

Joe Watson went off in the 83rd minute either because he ran out of steam or his coach wanted to save him from injury, maybe both.

For the crowd it was an opportunity to give him a standing ovation for the magic and ball wizardry that he had provided.

Sydney City attacked from the very start and Boland did well to punch out a snapshot from Jim Patikas on the run in the 8th minute.

But two minutes later he was beaten. Murray took a ball to the byline, squared it and Watson sent a low shot into the right corner.

City could have added another two when Patikas' shot was deflec-

LITTLE WIZARD

ted to corner and Boden wasted a pinpoint header from Watson.

Three more shots from Patikas were scrambled to corner, Boden wasted another header, Spanos' diving header went wide — and despite all that and some tantalising crosses, the halftime score remained 1-0.

The only time Footscray looked dangerous was in the 31st minute when Lujic sped off on the left and sent a good shot just over the top corner.

City quietened down in the second half but their superiority was never in doubt.

Boland saved a good

header from Barnes after a Murray cross.

Then Cant gave a sloppy square pass to Robertson, Verweij got a touch to it and Robertson did well to clear things up.

It was a confident, commanding performance from returnee Robertson that had made him such a valuable player in 1977.

City wasted yet another chance when three strikers ran against a sole defender but Boden was caught offside.

In the 69th minute Boden made amends when he finally grabbed a goal to make it 2-0.

Patikas started the move, chasing a ball to the right corner flag, brought it back, passed to Spanos who shot at goal; Boden intercepted, drew Boland out and chipped the ball home.

Barnes, who had a quiet game, sealed the score when he hit back a ball after Boland had fisted out a Watson shot.

Late sub Grant Lee could have made it 4-0 but Boland — celebrating his 100th PSL game — saved his shot from a few yards.

What about Footscray? On this performance, they don't deserve to be any higher than they are on the table.

— Joe Marton

PRESTON v NEWCASTLE 3-1(1-1)

Preston (4-4-2)

Rainey (4)	McMillan (5)	Petrovski (3)	Beech (3)
Farrell (4)	Boyle (3)	Flavell (3)	Whittle (3)
	Lucchesi (4)	Brown (5)	
●			
Kamasz (3)	Mountford (3)	Heys (4)	
Jones (3)	Sumner (3)	Senkalski (5)	
H. Tredinnick (3)	Mason (4)	Drinkwater (4)	Curran (3)
	Dando (3)		

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Replacement: Stamp (77m) for Heys.
Goals: 0-1 Heys (11m), 1-1 Lucchesi (44m), 2-1 Brown (49m), 3-1 Flavell (72m).
Referee: J. Fearn — Crowd: 3,000 — Cautions: Heys, McMillan, Senkalski.

Peter Ollerton would be forgiven if he wore a silly grin on his face for the rest of the week.

The Preston coach was hotly criticised for fielding striker George McMillan at centre back.

Ollerton persisted with McMillan in this spot because he didn't want to reshuffle the whole defence which, he says, has been playing well recently.

The end result strengthens his argument: McMillan marshalled the back four well and kept it tight even when things weren't going Preston's way.

Newcastle was without regular fullback

OLLIE'S RIGHT

Paul Reaney who pulled a muscle at training in midweek but the visitors started off in fine style taking an early lead through some great ball control from Graham Heys.

The ginger haired striker, latched onto Steve Sumner's freekick, turned on a sixpence in a crowded penalty area and slammed the ball into the net in the 11th minute.

However, that was the end of Newcastle's attacking for the first half.

Preston took a firm hold on the midfield and

gave their two strikers plenty of service.

The equaliser came on halftime following a handball offence committed by Howard Tredinnick.

Lucchesi headed home the freekick well taken by Farrell.

Four minutes after the restart Brown gave Preston the lead running onto a through-ball and hitting a sharp shot past Dando.

The goal that finally clinched victory came in the 72nd minute.

Isaac Farrell started it again with a cross from

the right, Alan Whittle backheeled into Gordon Flavell's path and the midfielder hit it home.

This win keeps Preston with a hope of escaping relegation but they still have to improve on their away form to reach safe shores.

Ollerton will be absent again, serving the second week of his suspension.

However, if McMillan can repeat his majestic display at the back of the defence, he might stay there for good, allowing "Big Ollie" to rejoin his attack after his return from the sin-bin.

— Paul Galea

Chopin for Riverwood

FIRST DIVISION

—By Charles Spiteri

Matches this week will tend to be of greater importance for teams at the bottom of the table than for sides involved in the premiership race.

Things are looking black indeed for Bankstown.

With only five matches left they are four points adrift at the bottom after they lost last week and two of the sides above them on the table won.

This week Bankstown play St. George and face another defeat.

St. George have been picking up steam in recent matches and it would be the biggest upset of the year if the Towners took even a point from the Saints.

Dez Marton might be able to get among the goals again and could improve his tally of 33 — as could the Saints as a whole who are looking to 100 goals this year. They are 19 short of that total with five games left.

We tip a comfortable 3-0 win for the Saints, as we expect Bankstown to be fighting all the way to prevent a massacre.

Parramatta travel to Queanbeyan this week for what should be a tough match.

Parramatta have shown they are no slouches and have picked up a healthy total of points in the past few rounds.

Monaro will be desperately trying to improve their standing on the points table with a win.

They are now sixth — four points shy of Sutherland.

A draw in this game wouldn't surprise and we tip a 1-1 result.

Avala's loss to Parramatta last week after two sterling performances in previous weeks must have been a blow — leaving them on 12 points, level with the Magpies.

This week they have another tough encounter against Manly.

Manly attacked hard in the second half against Sutherland but couldn't get the draw they sought.

Even so, they seem well out of the relegation zone and with a reshaped attack will cause Avala a lot of problems.

We tip a Manly win 2-1.

Auburn officials were pleased with the way the team played against Riverwood last week and are hopeful of another good result against Melita this weekend.

Melita, however, were also in fine form, playing some neat soccer to

register their 3-1 win over Norths.

Auburn's young side should push Melita, but we think the Eagles will have enough in reserve to edge them out.

We tip a Melita win 2-0. North Sydney entertain Sutherland at North Sydney oval this week.

Norths look safe for 1981, but the slip last week could be costly if form reversals start happening at the foot of the table.

Sutherland's attack is still not scoring as

regularly as it should, but the defence is one of the best in the league — with Mal Haynes consistently giving top displays.

Norths might be able to shackle Sutherland if they play their own fast paced game.

Otherwise we see a Sutherland win, 2-1.

Riverwood's dreams of a top four place were finally demolished last week by Auburn and now they will have to start concentrating on building for 1982.

This week they play Polonia at Chopin Park and could still have some bearing on the final four.

If they take even a point away from the Plumpton based side it would virtually settle Sutherland's position as the fourth team.

However, we expect Polonia will put out all stops in an effort to force their way into the semifinals.

We tip a Polonia win 3-1.

Title chasers Croatia

have another tough match this week against Canterbury.

Polonia forced them all the way last week, but they showed they have great character by fighting back to win after Polonia had levelled the scores at 2-2.

On their day they could put it together and beat Croatia, but the 'Kings' have been far more consistent and an upset seems unlikely.

We tip a Croatia win 3-1.

Duarte steals show at Monaro

Croatia turned on yet another sizzling display when they blitzed Polonia 5-2 to stay hot on the heels of league leaders St. George.

Saints cruised home 3-0 against a tough Monaro who once again confirmed the contention that they will fight every inch of the way in home games.

The bruised and battered legs of the St. George players were full proof of that.

Melita Eagles held on to third place with a 3-1 win over North Sydney, Sutherland remained in fourth spot narrowly defeating Manly 1-0, Canterbury beat Bankstown 3-1, Auburn defeated Riverwood 2-1 and Parramatta won 2-1 against Avala.

Polonia opened the scoring against Croatia after only five minutes when forward Anito Budini broke away from the Croatia defence.

But only nine minutes later Hilton Silva moved in well to knock home a hard Peter Hensman cross and it was Hensman himself who put Croatia ahead seconds before halftime when Marijan Kovacic put him through with a clever flicked pass.

Polonia created an equaliser out of almost nothing two minutes after the break when Stan Lemanczyk lobbed the Croatia goalkeeper, but before long the power of the Croatia forwards took control, with two goals from Marcos Silva and another from Hilton Silva.

Hilton Silva's goal was a particularly fine effort, blasting the ball from 35

metres into the far corner of the net.

A great second half performance from Melita paved the way for their 3-1 win over North Sydney with goals from Terry Jones, Hector Martinez and midfielder Ray Farrugia through a penalty.



Hilton Silva of Croatia

North Sydney had taken the lead after 13 minutes when Alex Bottalico scored from a penalty, but North Sydney's tactics consisted mainly of close marking for the rest of the game.

But they were still over-run by a fine second half performance from the Eagles.

A Paul Bush goal after 15 minutes gave Sutherland a narrow 1-0 victory over Manly in a

game that see-sawed from end to end with Manly fighting hard for an equaliser.

The other three games all had some influence on the bottom positions in the table, with Auburn's 2-1 victory over Riverwood leading the way.

Parramatta gained a valuable two points against fellow strugglers Avala with goals from strikers Nelson Brizuela and Steve Montgomery after Aaron Scharfegger put Avala ahead in the first 10 minutes.

Bankstown are four points adrift of the field after they lost to Canterbury 3-1 at home and the Towners seem certain to face relegation with only five games to go.

Two goals from Ross Brown and one from Glen Laws were enough to see Canterbury home, despite Steve Radovac's last minute goal for the Town.

Duarte proved to be the star of the Saints show; in the first half he made a series of brilliant overlapping runs finishing them with telling crosses — all of which were wasted by the strikers, mainly Ernie Campbell.

In the second half the Saints stepped up the tempo and after Marton's opening goal — his 33rd — two more professionally taken goals followed against a tough Monaro liberally spraying around their crunching tackles.

MONARO v ST. GEORGE 0-3 (0-0)

Monaro: Caputto, Francis (Johnson 82m), Palumbi, Sheridan, Crawford, Salgado, Aroder, Charles, Ashford, Colberdardo, Heywood.

St. George: Fraser, Duarte, Rylands, Skeen, Terry, McDonald, Davies, Stone, Campbell (Walker 46m), Kanacki, Marton.

Goals: 0-1 Marton (59m), 0-2 Duarte (66m), 0-3 Walker (72m).

Referee: L. Davies — Crowd: 800

— Sent off: Charles.

AUBURN v RIVERWOOD 2-1 (1-1)

Auburn: Bowman, McInerney, Bates, Prgomelja, Sullivan, Quigley, MacDonald, Bertram, Pondakas (Bielby 70m), Izalt, Brown.

Riverwood: Gisbourne, Blackburn, Wignall, Butcher, Kumsaz, McCrorie, Bulloch, Lee, Tracey, Dunis, Langdon.

Goals: 1-0 Pondakas' (26m), 1-1 McCrorie (36m), 2-1 Quigley (72m).

Referee: D. Rennie; Crowd: 180.

SUTHERLAND v MANLY 1-0 (1-0)

Sutherland: Haynes, Hesford, Dal Forno, Donnelly, Watkins, Groomer, Cashman 63m, Murphy, Meades, P. Bush, Beggs, T. Bush, Manly: Ellis, K. Falconer, Doyle, Emery, Stocks, Riley, Jack, P. Falconer (Gehegan 46m), T. Smith, Reagan, Palamarra.

Goal: 1-0 T. Bush (14m).

Referee: R. Lorenc; Crowd: 150.

Cauton: Dale; Sent off: Dale.

BANKSTOWN v CANTERBURY 1-3 (0-2)

Bankstown: Lachowicz, Beveridge, Rootsey, Radovac, Greg Lynch, Fergusson, Beater (Couchman 83m), Farthing (Sirett 65m), Gilligan.

Canterbury: McPherson, G. Brown, Pseitoconomou, Barton, Binos, Bosganos, Laws, Williams, R. Brown, Basterfield, Thamnides.

Goals: 0-1 R. Brown (29m), 0-2 Laws (35m), 0-3 R. Brown (59m), 1-3 Radovac (89m).

Referee: B. Wilkinson; Crowd: 150; Cauton: Beater.

CROATIA v POLONIA 5-2 (2-1)

Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Sterry, M. Kovacic, Coleman, Vidaic, Parkes, M. Silva, H. Silva, Hensman, Borges.

Polonia: Kalinowski, Maitre, R. Budini, Galas, Garlowski, Lemanczyk, Szobczyk, A. Budini, Sookee, Divani, Noble.

Goals: 0-1 A. Budini (5m), 1-1 H. Silva (14m), 2-1 Hensman (45m), 2-2 Lemanczyk (47m), 3-2 M. Silva (54m), 4-2 M. Silva (63m), 5-2 H. Silva (72m).

MELITA v NORTH SYDNEY 3-1 (1-1)

Melita: Greedy, Berry, Loxley, Daley, McPherson, Darvill (Tangi 86m), Campbell, Farrugia, Allan, Martinez (Ross 75m), Jones.

Norths: Katsavelas, Gibson (Stenning 70m), O'Rourke, Matheson, Rettore, Dale (Sent off), Mitchell, Wilson, Morsello, A. Bottalico, (Lucchesi 50m), Wilson.

Goals: 0-1 Bottalico (pen. 13m), 1-1 Jones (18m), 2-1 Farrugia (60m), 3-1 Martinez (74m).

Referee: W. Phelps; Crowd: 950;

Cauton: Dale; Sent off: Dale.

PARRAMATTA v AVALA 2-1 (2-1)

Parramatta: Donovan, Glen Fairclough, Biglands, McKenzie, Lackey, Roughley, Juchniwicz, Roden, Brizuela (Mitchell 70m), Montgomery, Herron.

Avala: Ahrens, Lembyrk, Bateman, Gary Fairclough, Brown, Ruiz, Vujovic, Carrizo, Karanfilovski, Scharfegger, Yousef.

Goals: 0-1 Scharfegger (8m), 1-1 Montgomery (22m), 2-1 Brizuela (42m).

The battle for promotion is certainly hotting up with Yugal, Wollongong and Kuringai having to fight to stay just ahead of each other.

Wollongong who won comfortably meet Kuringai this weekend and Yugal clashes with Fairy Meadow — two games that could transform the top of the table next week.

Yugal just scraped in for a win against bottom team Revesby, while Kuringai figures in a see-sawing clash with Fairy Meadow to share the points.

Blacktown United, still in the fray for promotion, dropped another valuable point against lowly Gladesville which surely has diminished their chances.

At the bottom of the table, University dropped both points to North Bankstown and Guildford and Warrigah finished with a scoreless draw.

University has a light ray of hope as their former player coach Andrew Kay returns to the side this week.

Kay is the sort of player who could bolster the side.

Highlights of this week's games were:

REVESBY v

YUGAL 0-1

A goal by Amanyi Rokodera 15 minutes from the end gave Yugal the narrowest of wins that kept them at the top of the table.

Revesby, struggling to get away from the bottom of the table gave the leaders quite a fright as they contested every ball trying to get something out of this game.

But with the minutes ticking away, Rokodera put his head to a clearance following a corner and found the net to give his side the win.

Revesby: Wright, Larkins, Adams, Harris, Pittman, Milford, Sadek, Judd, Gill, Mackin (Prior), Parkinson. Coach: R. Harbour.

Yugal: Berry, Rendell, Cummings, McIntosh, Clarke, Babian, Mihalovic, McGrath (Travini), Rodas, Rokodera, Tanoski. Coach: I. Takac.

FAIRY MEADOW v

KURINGAI 3-3

About 1,200 people were treated to some champagne soccer in a see-sawing match.

The action and excitement started right from the kick-off with an early goal by John McCranor that gave Kuringai the lead.

It took the Fairies a fair while to settle down but they hit back to get the equaliser with a goal by Hugh Tinney.

Alan Devenney put them ahead when he scored from set play after a free-kick but McCranor struck again to equal the score soon after.

Micky White put the locals ahead again to set them for a win, but it was not to be as Billy Stewart blasted a 35-metre shot which the keeper could only touch with his fingers on its way into the net.

Fairy Meadow: Beck, Hamilton, Southwell, Chilby, Tinney, Charneck, Devenney, Richardson, Baker, White, Gardner. Coach: H. Tinney.

Kuringai: Antman, Haines, Robertson, Sidey, Hammond, Williamson, Gould, Smith, (Seach), Magill, McCranor, Stewart. Coach: H. Noon.

BATHURST v

PENRITH 1-0

A goal by Peter Hadley halfway through the first half was enough to give Bathurst both points.

Bathurst held the upper hand throughout the game but at the moment they are having little problems with Adrian Pickup — their top striker — as he struggles to get his form up front. Pickup hit the woodwork twice and is still lacking his usual touch.

Alan Woodruff who was married on Saturday was back on deck and played a full game to help the side win.

Bathurst: Lovett, Tait, G. Hadley,

Ashleford, Woodruff, Waine, Davis, Lamberton, Pickup, Bullock, P. Hadley. Coach: S. Cousins.

Penrith: Not available.

BLACKTOWN v

GLADESVILLE 0-0

Poor finishing in front of goal cost Blacktown a valuable point in their chase for the championship.

United created the chances but failed to make something out of them. On the other hand, Gladesville lifted their game and fought for every ball to earn this valuable point which keeps them away from the bottom.

Making his debut for Gladesville was 17-year-old third grade striker Craig Bass who went rather well in his outing with the firsts.

Blacktown: Evans, R. Ramisch, Eldridge, Foster, Taylor, Clarke, T. Crone, Devalle, R. Crone, Davidson, J. Ramisch. Coach: D. Zeman.

Gladesville: Taylor, Kendall, George, Ferrara, G. Johnstone, Woodford, Baldwin, Naylor, Bass, Butt. Coach: J. Woodford.

BELMORE v

WOLLONGONG 0-3

With so much at stake, Wollongong just couldn't afford to take it easy outplaying the struggling Belmore to take both points.

Even with their top striker Roberto Giraldo out with injury, the Gongs had little trouble to win comfortably, scoring three goals without reply.

The goals were scored by

Talevski, Dalkovski and Gardner. Belmore finished play with 10 men when Brett Palmer had to leave the field injured.

Belmore: J. Hawthorne, P. Hawthorne, Jones, Martin, Vergos (Cruger), Kirwin, (Palmer), Murray, Garry, Billingham, Parkinson, Oughton, Graham, Billingham. Coach: D. Klaus.

Wollongong: P. Terziowski, Namouski, Talevski (L. Dalkovski), Montecchie, H. Sattin (Drains), R. Sattin, P. Terziowski, Petkovski, P. Giraldo, Gardner, V. Dalkovski. Coach: M. Johnson.

UNI OF NSW v

NTH. BANKSTOWN 0-2

North Bankstown had to fight hard in the second half to keep the students out and take both points in this match.

Craig Sullivan, making his first full game debut gave a top performance for the winners scoring the second goal with a 25-metre shot.

Earlier Ritchie Celarc gave them the lead and at halftime they had the game wrapped up, even though University tried hard in the second half to salvage something out of this match.

Uni of NSW: Ridings, Lyons, T. Popovich (Austin), Graham, V. Popovich, Daglis (Kay), Dowe, Kelly, Hughes, Carway, Antonoli. Coach: A. Field.

Nth. Bankstown: I. Madden, Parry, Thompson, Kymantas, Gallagher, Buckley, Stephenson, Wileman (Miant), Celarc, Sullivan, Muir. Coach: D. Madden.

WARRIGAH v

GUILDFORD 0-0

A top performance by goalkeeper Peter Freeman certainly earned Guildford a valuable point in this match.

Guildford played for a point and they must be given credit for containing a more aggressive Warrigah who came repeatedly forward but to no avail.

Warrigah never stopped trying and pressed quite hard in the second half but their attacks all broke down against a top defence including some good saves by Freeman.

Warrigah: Robins, Euers, Friend, Collings, Ainslie, Killie, Sturges, Beverley, Pittman (Duncan), Crook (Rostrom), Szenczyk. Coach: A. Ainslie.

Guildford: Freeman, Allen, Glass, McGlynn, Morrison, Miller, Stewart, Robinson, Power, Stead, Moss. Coach: M. O'Neill.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

Group 1

Glad. Hornsby v Bankstown, Sat., Soccer Centre
St. George v Croatia, Sat., Peakhurst
Blackt. City v Baulkham Hills, Sun., Ted Horwood
Illawarra v Sthn. & Eastern, Sat., Ernie Smith
Polonia v Melita, Sat., Everley
Syd. Olympic v Leichhardt, Sat., Pratten

Group 2

Nepean v Riverwood, Sun., Cook
Kuringai v Avala, Sat., Acron
Central Coast v Blackt. Assoc., Sat., Fagans
Marconi v Sthn. Dist., Sat., Marconi
Sutherland v Manly, Sat., Bates Drive
Canterbury — Bye

LAST WEEK:

Group 1	14s	15s	16s
Glad. Hornsby v St. George	0-3	1-1	0-4
Bankstown v Leichhardt	0-1	0-6	0-3
Blacktown City v Croatia	3-1	0-1	5-1
Illawarra v Baulkham Hills	2-0	2-1	4-2
Polonia v Sthn. & Eastern	0-2	1-1	0-5
Syd. Olympic v Melita	3-2	2-1	1-0
Group 2			
Nepean v Kuringai	1-1	3-0	0-2
Central Coast v Avala	2-2	0-1	0-3
Marconi v Blacktown Assoc.	1-1	7-0	3-1
Sutherland v Sthn. Dist.	0-0	1-0	0-1
Canterbury v Manly	3-0	2-5	3-3



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SPIDER'S NET

With
Allan Maher



The Socceroos leave on Wednesday on what should prove to be a very eventful tour, especially if our last visit to Fiji is any indication.

In 1977 we had to play Taiwan in Fiji — at Ba — in a World Cup game and after that we played a match against Fiji's national team in Suva.

That game is one that I will never forget.

For the record: we lost 1-0 — but what a comedy of errors it turned out to be.

The match was played on an athletic field marked out with the attitude of "near enough is good enough."

It looked like anything but a soccer pitch.

The match ball was plastic and we had a local referee and linesmen.

The player who scored the winning goal was about 25 metres offside.

Then the game was held up for some 10 minutes while the referee and linesmen escorted the player around the field on a lap of honor...

I'm sure we won't have to put up with anything like that this time around — and hopefully the result will go our way.

Fiji also brings back another quaint memory — that of frogs.

In our match against Taiwan, at Ba, the ground — as most of Fiji, everywhere — was littered with big, fat frogs. Not Frenchmen, just frogs.

They were frolicking

in the lush and slush grass; could have been born there, for we had days of heavy rain before that match and mud was ankle deep.

Our boys took the froggies in their stride. Some of them accidentally kicked a few high up in the air, together with the ball.

If we have some rain this time, I'm sure the ground will be full of these friendly little things again.

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As you know, Peter Ollerton was sent off the field against Blacktown last Sunday week.

What probably you don't know — and neither does the referee — why this happened.

It's a well known fact that Blacktown have a player in their team who takes great delight in indecently grabbing certain delicate parts of opponents in close situations.

This player, during the game, prodded his hands towards Ollerton's more tender parts; he turned around and flattened the guy.

The same player repeated his act against Sydney City.

This time Steve O'Connor received a caution for retaliating.

I'm surprised he hasn't been flattened more often as two of his previous victims included Col Bennett and Peter Wilson.

YELLOW PERIL GAINS GROUND

—By Andrew Dettre

Young Sydney referee Gary Power had a "jaundiced" midweek match last week.

In the Blacktown v Sydney clash at Marconi Stadium, postponed from an earlier round, he flashed the yellow card nine times—but one of them was later cancelled at the intervention of linesman Barry Wilkinson.

Power's performance established a Sydney record: this is the highest number of official cautions ever handed out in a Sydney PSL match.

However, it is not an Australian PSL record: Barry Fowler holds that dubious honor.

In a 1978 match between Newcastle and Brisbane City, he cautioned all Brisbane City players except two plus one from Newcastle, for a total of 10.

You would expect to hear about trench warfare after such an epidemic of yellow cards.

But this is what our reporter, the completely reliable and experienced Myles Hay wrote then:

"Despite the spate of cautions, there appeared nothing vicious or spiteful about the game..."

Much the same can be said about Power's yellow mood of last week.

Wheatley, Mullen, Watson, Rasmussen and O'Connor received their cautions for ordinary, "regulation" fouls; some of them didn't even appear to be fouls in the first place.

Hormazabal was cautioned for another foul—and Barnes for making some verbal comment on the incident while Spanos was yellow carded for "dissent."

★★★★★★★★

In all honesty—and without trying to defend any of the players involved—none of them seemed to commit a serious enough crime to warrant a caution.

Yet, in the same match, some peculiar incidents went unpunished.

In the second half, right in front of the referee, Djordjevic went over the ball, taking Watson's ankle; no caution.

Later, near the sideline on the Hill side, two or three players were exchanging punches; again, no caution...

Power is a fairly inexperienced, young referee and maybe he wanted to assert his authority on the game with this yellow avalanche.

Instead, he merely drew attention to a serious problem in our game.

An increasing number of referees almost automatically couple cautions with freekicks.

The FIFA rule interpretations state:

The player is cautioned by the referee (without expulsion) for—

—rough play;
—criticism of the referee's decision;
—damaging remarks concerning other players, spectators or referees;
—temporarily leaving the field of play without



Gary Power: a sort of yellow fever.

notifying the referee before;

—other less important unsporting gestures.

The most common, of course, are rough play and criticism of the referee's decisions.

Rough play cannot be always equated with a hard, even crunching tackle.

Soccer today has become so fast, so athletic and competitive that there are simply no soft tackles—or the player won't be tolerated by his coach.

The great fashion in Australia is to caution players for "dissent."

The rule interpretations speak about "criticism"—which isn't exactly dissent; it's more than that.

A player, in a moment of anguish, calls out querying the referee's decision—and he is booked for dissent.

It might have been no dissent, merely a query or an outcry; are referees in such special caste-system that they cannot tolerate the idea of a player questioning (not criticising) their decision?

"Foul language" is a common charge—even by referees who themselves swear like troopers during the game at the players.

Players often burst out with an oath—and some referees get offended at once.

The same player and referee can have a drink at the bar and, like the vast majority of Australian males (and more and more females...) use the same "foul" language in their casual discussion.

It's not regarded as offensive, even the famous four-letter words which, in the Australian language, are used as adjectives rather than swear words.

We are not advocating lawlessness on the fields: what is needed is commonsense.

Neither are we engaging in "referee bashing"; it's part of our policy not to criticise referees unless something extraordinary warrants it.

But we believe more and more referees confuse a caution with the awarding of an ordinary freekick.

Their practice of issuing yellow cards left, right and centre may be seen as a way to reduce offences—but the proliferation of cautions proves otherwise.

Obviously, if the yellow cards were proper deterrents, their number would gradually decrease.

But that's not the case.

We went through our records (guaranteed to be 95% reliable) since 1977 and had a look at matches where there were multiple cautions — four or more per game.

These are the numbers:

1977: 10 matches.
1978: 14 matches.
1979: 24 matches.
1980: 23 matches.
1981: 21 matches (only 21 rounds counted).

We also dissected these figures to see which teams are involved in such multiple-caution matches and this is the result:

Marconi	24
Sydney City	22
West Adelaide	14
Adelaide City	12
Canberra	11
Heidelberg	11
Footscray	11
Brisbane City	10
St. George	10
Blacktown	10
Leichhardt	9
Brisbane Lions	7
Olympic	6
Newcastle	6
South Melbourne	5
Preston	5
Western Suburbs	4
Wollongong	4
Moorebank	0

For clarification: the numbers show "involvement" in a match. The 24, against Marconi, doesn't mean that four or more players from that team were cautioned in a match, only that Marconi was involved in such a game, 24 times.

The "good behaviour" record undoubtedly belongs to South Melbourne, with an astonishing five such games in five years, closely followed by Lions.

Blacktown, on the other hand, have already chalked up 10 such games — in not quite two seasons...

The extremely high figure for Sydney City and Marconi makes one think: they are our two most successful PSL teams...

We also had a look at how many times referees issued four cautions or more in a match.

Their list up to date:

Bambridge	8
Rennie	7
Beazleigh	6
Neal	6
Witschge	6
Reeves	5
Mellings	5
Campbell	5
and so on.	

Remarkably, perhaps, the only "leading" referee who has never had to issue four cards or more in a match has been Tim Davies.

Now, finally, what about the individual records for cautions in a match?

1. Fowler, 10 — Newcastle v Brisbane City 1978.

2. Power, 8 — Blacktown v Sydney City 1981.

3. Bambridge, 7 — Marconi v APIA 1979.

Rennie, 7 — St. George v Marconi 1980.

Beazleigh 7 — Footscray v West Adelaide 1979 *

6. McDermott, 6 — Canberra v West Adelaide 1977.

Yelland 6 — West Adelaide v Adelaide City 1977.

Fowler 6 — St. George v West Adelaide 1977.

Wilkinson 6 — Hakoah v Marconi 1978.

Witschge 6 — Marconi v Hakoah 1978.

Woods 6 — St. George v APIA 1979.

Bambridge 6 — Adelaide City v Marconi 1979.

Adelaide, 1977, 6 cautions, all against West Adelaide (Fowler); Newcastle v Brisbane City, 1978, 10 cautions — 9 against Brisbane City (Fowler);

Footscray v West Adelaide, 1979, 7 cautions — 5 against the visitors (Beazleigh);

Newcastle v Blacktown, 1981, 5 cautions, all against visitors (Bambridge).

Adelaide City v Canberra, 1981, 6 cautions, 5 against visitors (Rossis);

Adelaide City v Olympic, 1981, 6 cautions, 5 against visitors (Neal).

Perhaps we should consider copying England (for once with justification) and abandon the card-system altogether.

Let referees "book" players for serious offences — but without the theatricals involved in the cards.

These acts, often performed with great relish, incite the crowd, irk the players — and give referees the image of



An act all too familiar to fans: a referee (Doug Rennie here) flashing a yellow card.

Witschge 6 — Sydney City v Lions 1980.

Campbell 6 — Marconi v Sydney City 1980.

Rennie 6 — Sydney City v Footscray 1980.

Lorenc 6 — Blacktown v Canberra 1980.

Yelland 6 — Preston v Blacktown 1981.

Rossis 6 — Adelaide City v Canberra 1981.

Neal 6 — Adelaide City v Olympic.

* Beazleigh, on top of seven cautions, also ordered one player off.

Finally — how many referees can be accused of being "homers?"

On the whole, not too many, at least in the caution-department: the yellow cards are usually distributed fairly evenly.

But there have been some peculiar exceptions.

Cases: St. George v West

school-teachers disciplining pupils at their mercy.

Last Sunday — having been suddenly switched from the Sydney City v Footscray game — Gary Power gave an excellent performance at the Marconi v Olympic clash.

Having clearly got the message after Wednesday's display, he let the game flow — and didn't issue a single caution.

He allowed many ordinary fouls go with simple freekicks — and even tolerated a possible Degney "dissent" and a possibly deliberate Jankovics handball without further punishment.

Same referee — vastly different interpretations in two matches: a sudden maturity perhaps?

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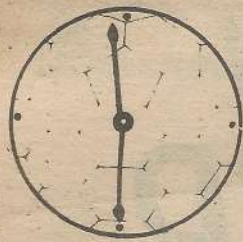
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Robins (6th div.) played Rangers Hajduk and were off to a great start with Stewart Tebbutt scoring in the first minute. A second goal late in the half by Alan Bleasdale saw Robins 2-0 up at half-time. After the break only the Hajduk keeper and the woodwork stopped the score escalating, the breaks did come though Darryl Smith's goal and a 60-metre solo goal by Mark Stanton saw the game finish 4-0. A worrying moment when the referee was accidentally knocked over, turned to comedy when after lying there he feebly raised his head, blew the whistle, then dropped again. After receiving attention he continued. Second grade saw the game go to Robins 4-2. Unfortunately keeper Terry Saunders had to be replaced midway through the second half but this did not deter the Robins. Scorers were Bob Schippell (2), Sean McCarthy and Peter Lucic (penalty).

Baulkham Hills (2nd div.) in preparation for their important game against Dee Why, stayed overnight at a Manly Motel for team talks and light training on the Saturday morning. With five players injured, two of whom were unable to play, the change from the usual routine was considered essential and proved successful as the Hills side stormed back from being 2-0 down to level the score at 2-2 and finishing well on top. In a hard, fast game, both teams played well. The Hills started brightly and after 10 minutes Danny Chalmers was unlucky to miss a chance. The remainder of the half was even until Dee Why scored in the last five minutes. Although the home side went to a 2-0 lead minutes after the start of the second half, the Hills displayed plenty of determination and began to function well. With 20 minutes to go Scotty Gribben netted from 15 metres. Hills continued to attack and finally with five minutes remaining Tony Kinsley scored from a deflection to equalise. The entire Hills team combined well and many players gave outstanding performances, with Matthew Renkovetsky being man of the match.

Blacktown Workers (6th div.) defeated Colo Colo 5-3 in a hard, physical match. Workers scored in the first minute with a well taken goal by Neil Seaford. In the 10th minute Workers struck again when Andy Morrison bent the ball round the defence for Rocky McGregor to cross it to Neil Seaford who, beating the keeper placed it in the net. Workers' third goal came at the 25th minute mark when Tino Rossi put the ball past the keeper. Ten minutes before the break Colo Colo pulled one goal back with a penalty. The second saw Workers get a fourth goal when Russ Westerberg scored from a freekick. Colo Colo then scored another with a penalty. At this stage the score stood at 4-2 but two further goals were to come, one for Workers from the penalty spot by Andy Morrison and the other for Colo Colo late in the game for a final 5-3 win to Workers.

Liverpool Albions (2nd div.) played third placed Mt.Druitt Town and the results of a 0-0 draw was a fair indication of the game. In an even first half both sides created scoring chances but neither side could capitalise. After beginning shakily Liverpool settled into an

attacking rhythm and put the Mt.Druitt defence under a lot of pressure. In the second half Liverpool continued to attack and the best chance of the game fell to Phil Tarrant who, with only the goalkeeper to beat, lofted the ball over the crossbar. Mt.Druitt mounted attack after attack in the last 10 minutes but could not breach the Albion defence. Second grade competition leaders Mt.Druitt defeated a depleted Liverpool Albion 3-1. Fernando Gannellas kept Liverpool in the game with a goal just before half-time but Mt.Druitt dominated the second half to finish easy winners. Third grade Liverpool Albion had a goal disallowed 30 seconds from fulltime and had to settle for a 2-2 draw. Goals were scored by Craig Hold and Lee Woods.

Paddington Spanish (3rd div.) played Kingsford in an even game which finished in a 1-1 draw. The game was one of the best played by either side and the evenhanded and faultless refereeing by R. Colombo, added to the thrills of the game. Kingsford scored first in the 20th minute when a pass from midfield sent by Ben Benyamen and finished with Sandy Hopkins who pushed through to score. Sandy, playing his 100th game for the club must have thought he had clinched the winner but a goalmouth scramble ten minutes later gave Daniel Bonales the opportunity to equalise for the Spanish. With Artamon, the division leaders, losing at Padstow, Kingsford were able to narrow the gap at the top to only two points. In the Kingsford side there were two new players on the field. Steve Vervis signed from Melita Eagles put on a good performance and Les Waldoock, rejoining the club after some absence, played in the second half.

Concordia (4th div.) alone at the top maintained the one-horse race by defeating Winston Hills 3-1. Three minutes into the game and the Hills were 0-1 up and this must have spurred Concordia to a winning counter-attack. Peter Walsh opened the score from the penalty spot. Before the interval a corner kick taken by Ronald Michelin was headed by Alfredo Gomez and the ball hit the net with a bullet like speed. With only 15 minutes to go Concordia sealed the game with a third goal when George Akartz picked up a loose ball and went through to score.

Maroubra (4th div.) was the host to West Holroyd in a very entertaining and high scoring game that finished 4-4. Maroubra played very fast and co-ordinated football in the first half and looked head and shoulders above the visitors. In the 15th minute George Rowbery opened the score and four minutes later Dave Wright sent the ball to Peter Hammond inside the goal area and he slipped the ball gently between the defenders for a 2-0 lead. Soon after James Gewargis was able to score two quick soft goals both coming from goalmouth scramble. Just before the interval, a runaway move resulted in George Rowbery scoring another identical goal for a 3-2 lead. In the second half, despite the replacement of the goalkeeper by the first grader Charlie Knight, Maroubra failed to maintain the sharp attack and excessive dribbling by the forwards prevented the home side from scoring more goals. West Holroyd pulled level when a long ball from Avia Jacob finished with Rodney Cook who shot to score past the outgoing goalkeeper. West Holroyd went 3-4 ahead for the first time in the game when Gary Yule scored after receiving the ball from a freekick shot. A minute later Maroubra were awarded a penalty which Steve Lewis nicely converted for the final 4-4 result.

Padstow Park (3rd div.) is turning out to be a giant killer. After defeating Kingsford last week, the Park gave the division leader Artamon a 3-0 hiding last Sunday. The first half was scoreless and despite some good football Artamon failed to score. After the interval Padstow opened the score and could not stop until three goals were netted. Ian Sookkee scored first with a clean shot squarely from outside the penalty area and later Gary Crayfoot added two more very similar goals. Padstow's second grade won the game 4-2 and is still up there with the leaders.

SCOREBOARD

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1									
St.George	19	2	—	81	8	40			
Croatia	18	3	—	61	16	39			
Melita	14	4	3	48	16	32			
Sutherland	10	4	6	28	18	24			
Polonia	9	3	7	24	28	21			
Monaro	8	4	8	29	37	20			
C'bury	6	6	9	31	40	18			
R'wood	7	2	10	23	35	16			
N.Sydney	5	5	11	26	43	15			
Manly	5	4	11	21	30	14			
Auburn	6	1	13	18	41	13			
Avila	4	4	12	22	45	12			
P'matta	5	2	14	18	49	12			
B'town	3	2	15	23	47	8			

GRADE 2									
Croatia	14	4	3	40	19	32			
St.George	12	6	3	60	19	30			
Melita	11	6	4	34	14	28			
C'bury	11	4	6	39	21	26			
R'wood	10	6	3	31	16	26			
Manly	9	6	5	37	22	24			
Sutherland	9	4	8	33	24	22			
Auburn	7	4	8	24	33	18			
N.Sydney	7	4	10	21	41	18			
P'matta	5	6	9	19	43	16			
Bankst.	6	3	11	23	32	15			
Monaro	2	6	12	14	39	10			
Avila	2	6	12	14	41	10			
Polonia	3	2	14	11	36	8			

GRADE 3									
Bankst.	14	2	3	53	25	30			
Auburn	13	1	4	45	15	27			
Sutherland	12	1	4	43	17	25			
Riverw.	10	5	3	36	19	25			
Melita	8	6	32	26	22				
St.George	10	8	8	29	22	20			
C'bury	8	4	7	37	32	20			
Manly	8	3	7	36	33	19			
Croatia	6	5	7	32	44	17			
Polonia	5	4	9	21	27	14			
N.Sydney	4	2	12	16	43	8			
P'matta	3	2	14	17	48	8			
Avila	1	1	16	15	61	3			

DIVISION 1 GRADE 1									
Yugal	14	5	2	48	24	33			
W'gong	14	4	3	47	12	32			
Kuringai	13	5	3	39	14	31			
Fairy Mdw	11	6	4	42	22	28			
Blacktown	12	4	5	34	17	28			
Bathurst	8	5	8	22	29	21			
Warrangah	5	8	8	28	42	18			
Penrith	5	7	8	22	33	17			
Gladesv.	4	7	10	20	29	15			
N.Bankst.	5	5	11	24	36	15			
Guildford	4	7	11	19	36	15			
Belmore	2	9	9	15	38	13			
Revesby	4	4	12	26	40	12			
Uni NSW	4	4	12	22	48	12			

GRADE 2									
Kuringai	12	7	2	47	14	31			
Fairy Mdw	13	5	3	47	15	31			
Guildford	11	4	6	39	33	26			
W'gong	11	3	8	40	32	25			
Revesby	10	4	6	33	21	24			
Gladesv.	9	6	6	29	19	24			
Blacktown	9	6	6	26	20	24			
Penrith	10	4	6	27	22	24			
Yugal	8	5	8	25	25	21			
N.Bankst.	8	4	9	29	37	18			
Belmore	6	6	8	20	23	18			
Warrangah	2	6	13	24	44	10			
Uni NSW	4	2	14	23	53	10			
Bathurst	—	2	19	6	64	2			

GRADE 3									
Kuringai	18	1	2	90	15	37			
Gladesv.	14	5	1	52	18	33			
W'gong	12	4	5	46	28	28			
Guildford	11	6	4	42	30	28			
Fairy Mdw	12	3	6	41	24	27			
Belmore	11	4	5	49	26	26			
Blacktown	9	3	8	30	30	21			
Penrith	7	7	5	20	23	21			
Bathurst	7	1	13	34	34	15			
N.Bankst.	4	5	12	19	39	13			
Revesby	4	2	14	28	47	10			
Yugal	5	—	14	30	67	10			
Uni NSW	1	6	13	12	63	8			
Warrangah	2	3	15	15	76	7			

DIVISION 2 GRADE 1									
Baulk.His	10	3	3	33	16	23			
Dee Why	9	4	2	30	12	22			
Mt.Druitt	10	2	4	27	11	22			
M'ville	8	6	2	27	17	22			
N.Ryde	9	1	6	23	19	19			
C'town	7	2	7	30	23	16			
Bonnyrigg	6	4	6	24	27	16			
Queens P.	5	3	8	20	28	13			
R'stone	4	3	7	15	27	11			
Lane Cove	2	5	9	18	30	9			
Gladesv.	3	3	10	14	38	9			
L'pl Alb.	2	4	10	16	29	8			

GRADE 2									
Mt.Druitt	11	3	2	40	19	25			
N.Ryde	9	6	1	34	16	24			
L'pl Alb.	7	4	5	21	17	18			
Dee Why	7	2	6	21	15	16			
Bonnyrigg	5	6	5	21	19	16			
C'town	5	6	5	24	24	16			
Gladesv.	5	5	6	23	28	15			
Queens P.	6	3	7	19	24	15			
Lane Cove	6	—	10	18	38	12			
Baulk.Hi.	4	3	9	17	22	11			
H'stone	3	5	7	20	32	11			
M'ville	4	2	9	21	26	10			

GRADE 3									
Baulk.Hi	12	1	3	51	12	25			
C'town	11	3	2	42	12	25			
Gladesv.	12	—	3	48	13	24			
L'pl Alb.	11	2	3	42	16	24			
M'ville	10	3	2	38	13	23			
Mt.Druitt	7	5	4	40	32	19			
Bonnyrigg	6	2	8	18	34	14			
Queens P.	6	—	10	25	43	12			
N.Ryde	5	1	10	27	47	11			
Lane Cove	2	1	13	11	43	5			
Riverstne	2	1	12	18	52	5			
Dee Why	—	1	14	12	56	1			

DIVISION 3 GRADE 1									
Artamon	9	5	2	44	15	23			
Kingsford	7	7	2	29	15	21			
Wentyl	7	4	5	38	23	18			
Hurstvl.	7	4	4	19	22	18			
Eastern C.	6	5	5	18	23	17			
Bondi	6	4	6	24	25	16			
Padstow	6	3	6	21	15	15			
Paddingtn	5	5	6	19	25	15			
Fairfld.K.	4	4	8	28	32	12			
Syd.Uni	5	2	8	12	21	12			
W.Ryde	3	6	7	19	30	12			
Port Hack.	4	1	10	18	43	9			

GRADE 2									
Fairfld.K.	11	3	2	43	20	25			
Bondi	11	2	3	41	16	24			
Eastern C.	11	2	3	37	18	24			

Padstow	9	2	4	40	24	20			
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COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



TRAVEL TOUGH ON PLAYERS

Since their admission into the State League in 1978 Inter Monaro have been in somewhat of a different position to the rest of the clubs in that they have only fielded two grades.

Club publicity man Joe Chiera said he believed the initial reason for having only two grades was not financial.

"When we joined the State League I think it was realised that to have three grades would put an undue strain on all clubs," Joe said.

"When we travel to Sydney we have to allow at least four to five hours for the trip and even that can be quite rough on the second graders."

Joe said the club buses often arrive at grounds at midday or 12.30, giving the second graders less than an hour to loosen up and start their match at 1.10pm.

"If we had a third grade side we'd have to start out at six in the morning," he said.

"It wouldn't be fair to the young lads — or for that matter to the other grades."

Joe said he felt the club now had the capacity to field a third grade side, but it was the time factor that prevented it happening.

"We are financially in a position where we could do it without any trouble," Joe said.

"But it doesn't have anything to do with costs."

"I also believe we have the players to fill a third grade team," he added.

Joe said the club had an under-18 team that played in the ACT Federation Junior league.

"Several of our players in the present first team squad have progressed from the under-18 team to the seconds and now the first grade," he said.

Joe also said that



One of Inter Monaro's most famous 'finds', Sebastian Giampaolo, who joined them from the Canberra league, then went back to Canberra City. He is now with Leichhardt.

Monaro had become well known in the south of the state as a club that was interested in any youngster from the country who showed promise.

Monaro's famous sons Sebastian Giampaolo and Walter Valeri came from Canberra and Griffiths respectively and several other players travel from Goulburn and even Cootamundra, like 18-year-old Geoff Miles.



Walter Valeri, now with Canberra City, joined Inter Monaro from Canberra Juventus. But he originally hailed from Griffith in the heart of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area.

"We have players coming to us even from towns that are now in the Southern League, because the lads know that the State League is a better proposition for those who want to get on."

"We have had four fairly successful years in the State League and we have now made a name for ourselves in the local areas," Joe said.

"But getting back to the third grade question, in the new Southern League, they have realised that travelling

problems have more bearing than you would think.

"As a result they only have one grade in the competition, which must mean a big headache for coaches when they blood youngsters from local competitions into Southern League games against seasoned clubs such as the ones from Canberra," he said.

"At least we have the second grade where we can groom players and get injured players back to fitness," Joe added.

Plumpton isn't near Warsaw...

Several times this year officials from various clubs have groaned when asked how they did against Polonia.

"Oh, we played alright — but do you know how far you have to travel to get to their ground?" is the common answer.

One official said: "I thought we were going all the way to Katowice — we'd been travelling for hours and still were nowhere," he moaned.

Well, actually the Polonia ground — named Chopin Park in honour of the most famous of Polish composers — is nowhere near Katowice, or Warsaw for that matter.

It is nestled in the outer Western Sydney suburb of Plumpton, not far from St. Marys, an area renowned for its Irish migrants, its high youth unemployment and the vast amounts of undeveloped land.

"That is the main reason we decided to move to Plumpton," said Polonia's young, eager President Mike Kordek.

"We looked hard for somewhere in the Sydney metropolitan area, but all we could come up with were pieces of land for exorbitant prices or council grounds."

"And we didn't want a council ground. We wanted something of our own that we could develop and know we could retain," he said.

Mike also said there were other reasons that came into play.

"We wanted a large piece of land that we could develop as both a field and a club, just like Marconi have done, and Croatia."

"It is no secret that part of the reason those clubs went west in search of land."

"The same applies to us," he added.



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Mike also said that the Polonia club had done a survey and discovered there was a substantial Polish community in the Western Suburbs of Sydney.

"There are a lot of Polish migrants and people of Polish stock in the Blacktown areas, also in Fairfield and Cabramatta."

"So it all pointed towards a move to the west."

"The third main reason why he chose the area is that the west of Sydney is unofficially, but widely known, as the 'soccer belt'."

"Rugby League doesn't have as great a representation, and there are far more migrant families — Continental, British, and South American, and so soccer is the number one sport of the youngsters."



Parramatta coach Bob Wall was a relieved man after last week's 2-1 victory over Avala.

Although he doesn't want to make any early predictions, it seems certain that Parramatta have escaped the 'drop' — an 'honour' they have passed on to Bankstown.

"I always felt we had enough depth of talent to do well this year, but we haven't been able to play consistently well throughout the full 90 minutes of matches,"

Bob said.

However, he said that a combination of lack of concentration, injury problems and suspensions had robbed the side of the chance of being settled.

"If we had players like Montgomery and Juchiewicz a little earlier in the season I don't think we would be in the position we are," he added.

Bob said he had the greatest regard for referees who did "the hardest job in the game."

But he also said he felt there was still not enough emphasis on the

the situation where several decisions looked not offside, yet the referee gave the freekick."

Bob said he felt Avala had several attacks annulled because of hasty flag waving by the linesmen, and Parramatta also were caught.

"I'm not saying that every decision was wrong," he said.

"But the situation where an attacker is about to run forward towards goal, and a defender is running out to try and trap him offside, can lead to confusion of where they



Parramatta's Willie Hamilton.

importance of linesmen in the referees' team."

"It is hard for coaches and club officials to speak out on the issue of refereeing," Bob said.

"Everyone assumes you can't become objective."

"But I think, judging by last week's game, that there is still a lot of doubt in people's minds about the offside ruling."

"As I understand it, a player is offside at the moment the ball was last played by a team-mate — not when he receives the ball."

"But last week we had

were when the ball was kicked."

"I admire linesmen who watch for incidents behind play and who are trying to help the referee, but I feel they would be of more help if they concentrated more fully on that decisive moment 'when the ball is kicked.'"

"I think linesmen themselves must sweat out that part of the game, and I think it is up to the referees association to come up with a more modern way of teaching referees and linesmen how to put the law into effect," he said.



Ziggy Garlowski, one of Polonia's four Polish imports who have settled in quickly to the State League team.

Manly's second grade side continues to surge towards the top four, now having gone 13 games without defeat. The seashiders are coached by Hugh Hendry, who played in Manly's 1968 First Division side.

Three of the wives and families of Polonia's four Polish imports arrived in Australia last week to join their husbands for the rest of their stay with the club. Goalkeeper Ziggy Kalinowski was

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the unlucky one whose wife had to stay in Poland. He has three children at school, unlike the others who all have very young children, and it would have been too much of an upheaval to bring the whole family to Australia just for another year or two.

Liverpool's new signing, Craig Johnston, was a big hit with the kids out Manly way the

other week. Craig showed off his skills to dozens of Manly representative players who turned up at Cromer, and were even given an insight into Liverpool training methods, with six-a-side games and passing practice. Manly officials were full of praise for ASF Marketing in arranging the promotion, which they feel did the game a lot of good in the Manly area.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

I cannot share the current wave of enthusiasm for the splitting up of the Philips League into Eastern and Western Divisions.

In fact, I must regard the suggestion as a typical Australian soccer escapism.

All throughout our soccer life, whenever we found it difficult to improve existing conditions, we merely walked away from problems, creating new ones.

The popular theory now is that East and West should have 12 teams each (some speak of 14) in order to cut down travel costs.

According to the PSL office, the average cost of air travel per team in a year is \$25,000.

Accepting the fact that the average overall expenditure per club is close to \$350,000 (in some cases over \$400,000), this item is only about 7 per cent of the total cost — certainly not a crucial factor.

In some of the "glamor" clubs, \$25,000 is roughly the annual earning of TWO to players from soccer — contract and bonuses.

So the "airfare saving" argument is a weak one. But come to think of it — that's the ONLY one against keeping the PSL as it is now.

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On the other hand, there are some obvious disadvantages.

One is that the PSL would lose its nearly-national image and appeal.

It's a safe bet that if we had an East and West grouping, the good people of Sydney would rapidly lose interest in what's happening in Perth and Adelaide — and vice versa.

Gradually, we would sink back towards our old parochialism — only our region or State matters and hang the rest.

It's fine with me, if that's what the clubs want — but then why not return to the State Leagues completely?

Another weakness of the "split-up" argument is: where would we have 24 or 28 top quality teams for East and West?

I didn't say adequate teams or fairly strong teams — but top teams.

The present Philips League includes quite a few stragglers; no need to mention them as everybody can rattle them off.

Imagine the dilution if we had 24 or 28 teams...

The simple truth is we don't have enough top quality players for our present 16 PSL teams — let alone for more.

Many of our teams — even top teams — include players whose standard falls below the required level.

So where would we get those extra players needed — about 200 to 220 of them — for the extra teams?

Well, I tell you where — from overseas. Rapid SOS signals would go out to friends and agents in Britain to round up anybody and everybody who is willing to come.

We would have a new flood of 10th rate imports from the reserve teams of fourth division English and amateur Scottish clubs, just to fill up the gaps.

Another belt in the face of "local talent..."

Then we don't have enough good referees, inspectors and even stadiums for such a watered down East and West PSL.

The administration of the PSL would either have to increase or two separate administrations established to cope with the daily household chores.

Despite the recent improvement in the area of stadiums, the position is still far from rosy.

Sydney has five PSL teams but only Sydney City and Marconi can claim to have first class (or nearly first class) facilities.

Suppose we added St. George, Croatia and Melita to a divided PSL?

The St. George Stadium is first class but the other two are ordinary suburban grounds a very long way from central Sydney.

If the ASF — and PSL — believe that the League in its present form is not quite successful, they should introduce reforms, rather than once again walk away from the problems.

We have done that with the Australia Cup, the Interstate Championship, the Federation Cup, the Philips Top Four and many other things.

The trouble with the PSL is really the trouble with those people who were elected to shape its destiny.

Usually they are only toying with the problems but not solving them.

They cannot think of a logical and fair relegation-promotion system, they fiddle with the club names incessantly and they try to ape the FA Cup, interspersing PSL rounds with cup games, throwing the season into confusion.

Then, when the whole mish-mash doesn't work, they say: OK, let's try something new. And that something new would end up on the same scrapheap in a few years time.

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The PSL wasn't planned properly, adequately and long enough: it was hammered through in haste before the States could organise a stiffer resistance to it.

To this day, there has been no proper feasibility study on it: everybody is merely guessing or expressing a personal opinion without well researched facts and figures.

We don't know whether Sydney could support two, three or four teams (how ridiculous to have five!) and where they should be operating.

We have a mania against "ethnic names" — yet allow two Italian clubs in Sydney and two Greek ones in Melbourne to compete side by side — for an "Australian" market...

We have stringent "criteria" for PSL membership — good home ground, solid financial stability, top internal organisation, etc. — but then conveniently overlook them when, at the annual horse-trading show, the hands go up to decide who should be promoted and relegated.

These are the problems — and some others — which we should tackle rather than chase yet another elusive rainbow in the shape of having two PSL groups and create two sets of problems instead of one.

Indeed, if anything, the size of the PSL should be cut, perhaps to 12 teams, to produce quality entertainment.

The PSL was conceived as an elite league, gathering under its large umbrella the very best players of Australia.

And if anybody tells me we have enough quality players for 24 or 28 teams, my answer is he hasn't seen a PSL game recently.

— Andrew Dettre

CREAM OF EUROPE'S YOUTH COMING

Not a great deal can be heard yet about the overseas teams due here for the World Youth Cup finals in October.

One of the secret favorites could be West Germany which, recently, won the European junior championship.

This was staged in June in 28 cities and towns of a single region of West Germany, North Rhine-Westphalia.

The final, in Dusseldorf, drew a crowd of 56,000 watching the West Germans beat Poland 1-0.

A total of 500,000 spectators saw the tournament.

Matches started at 11am to give local schoolboys a chance to see them.



West Germany, which won in June the European junior championship and is certain to send a powerful team to Australia in October, with the majority of players coming from Bundesliga clubs.



The Polish goal under threat in the championship final played at Dusseldorf.



Scene from a semifinal: Spain's goalie snatches the ball from a Polish striker.

CRUZEIRO: MAÑANA

The visit of Brazilian club Cruzeiro to Melbourne has been postponed.

Originally they were scheduled to play against Victoria at the end of July.

The new date is November 1.

Cruzeiro have opted out of the tour because four of their players are involved in international matches.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMS

DIVISION 2

Lane Cove Utd. v Nth. Ryde, Saturday, Pottery Green; Baulk Hills v Bonnyrigg, Sat., Ted Horwood Res.; Mt. Druitt Town v Dee Why, Sun., Popondetta Park; Marrickville Rockdale v Liverpool Alb., Sun., Mackay Park; Queens Park v Gladesville Horns, Sat., Erskineville; Campbelltown City v Riverstone, Schfields, Sun., Lynwood Park.

DIVISION 3

Kingsford v Bondi Marine, Sun., Turruwili; Artarmon v Paddington, Sat., Artarmon Res.; Port Hacking v Padstow Park, Sun., Seymour, Shaw, Park; Fairfield Kiev v Wentley Waratahs, Sun., Knight Park, Syd. Uni. v West Ryde, Ryders, Sun., University Oval 1; Eastern Creek v Hurstville Zagreb, Sat., Cawarra Park.

DIVISION 4

Eastwood S/A v Ryde Dist., Sun., Upper Eastwood Oval; Chelsea v North Rocks, Sun., Moore Park No. 12; Fairfield, West v Revesby Rovers, Sun., Parkes; Winston Hills v Canley Heights, Sun., Max Ruddock Reserve; West St. George v Maroubra Utd., Sat., Outer Barton; West Holroyd v Concordia, Sat., West Guildford.

DIVISION 5

Mac. Uni v Syd. Maccabi, Sun., Mac. Uni Oval; Haberfield v Hawkesbury Dist., Sun., Beaman Park; Camden v Chullora, Sun., Ponderos Park; Green Valley v Edensor Park, Sat., Blamfield; Moorebank v Pagewood, Sun., Hammondville Park; Auburn Jun. v Glenquarie Utd., Sat., Progress Park.

DIVISION 6

Trasandinos Sports v Parramatta, Sun., Booralee Park No. 2; Blacktown Wands. v Liverpool Rang. Sun., Grantham High School; Ranger Hajduk v Liverpool City, Sun., Hajduk Stad.; Bankstown Sports v Robins, Sun., Condell Park High School; Liverpool Utd. v Blacktown Work., Sat., Childs Park; Colo Colo v Sth. Sydney, Sat., Knight Park; Liverpool City v Bankstown Sports, Sat., Ernie Smith.

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